

REMARKS

Claims 33-42 are in the case. Claims 33-42 have been amended to further clarify the claimed invention. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Both Examiner Tran and Examiner Chung were most helpful in the interview conducted April 20, 2005. Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to their attorney, Mr. Scavone. At the interview, there was a discussion of claim 33 and this claim was explained in light of the Applicants' company literature (attached as Exhibit A). There was a discussion of the Goldstein patent, and how claim 33 defines a novel and non-obvious advance over Goldstein. It was pointed out that Goldstein does not employ a separate and distinct communications network that is independent of the broadcast network. However, the Examiner pointed out that the claims currently recite that the communications network is "distinct" from the broadcast network, and that as broadly construed this would read on the Goldstein embodiment wherein a wireless communications link exists between the set top converter and the remote. While Applicants believe this construction is too expansive, they have nonetheless amended the claims to require that the communication network is "independent" of the broadcast network.

The use of this term is intended to define the invention in a manner consistent with the patent application specification (see page 5 for example). In the present invention, the incoming data transmissions to the remote control utilize a "communications network" that is not dependent upon the broadcast network. In other words, the broadcast network is not required to transmit the incoming data. Moreover, in accordance with the one embodiment of the present invention, the visual presentation of the incoming data on the remote display is related both in content and timing to the broadcast programming. This combination of features is not present in,

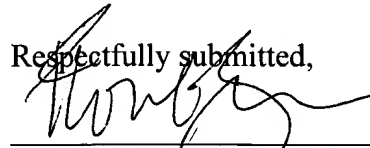
nor suggested by the prior art. Goldstein, for example, clearly requires the broadcast cable system to present remote control displays to the user (see Columns 22-23).

An early allowance is requested.

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